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roofs of houses, chimney tops, and other elevated places, in the city itself, during the very severe weather of January.

As this is a bird almost exclusively confined to extreme northern latitudes, its appearance here, in such large numbers, is to be solely attributed to the great severity of the season to the North,

Stated Meeting, March 12, 1844.

VICE PRESIDENT MORTON in the Chair.

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Report of a Committee of the Delaware County Institute of Science, on the great rain storm and flood which occurred in that County on the 5th of August, 1843; with a Map of the County. Chester: 1843. From the Institute.

Memoirs of William Smith, L. L. D. &c.; by his nephew and pupil, John Phillips, F. R. S. &c. London: 1844. From the Author.

The Committee on Proceedings announced that the First No. of Vol. 2d of the Proceedings, with the title page and index of the first volume, (which latter is now complete,) had been published, and was now on the table.

The Chairman read a letter from Dr. Charles Pickering, dated Alexandria, Egypt, December 17, 1843, announcing his safe arrival, and communicating some information on the subject of ethnography, which, after a further examination of facts in confirmation of his present impressions, he will submit to the Academy in a more enlarged form at a future period.

On motion of the Recording Secretary, the Committee on Proceedings were authorized to have reprinted No. 2 of Vol. I., and also to have bound in boards a number of copies of said volume.